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Inventor(s) Eisenhans et al.			
Title of Invention METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXAMINING FLUIDS OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN			

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Transmitted herewith is Amendment Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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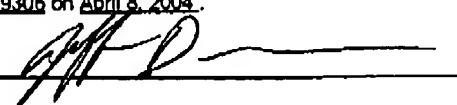
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated February 5, 2004,
Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendment.